

# Recycling 101 | WHAT YOU SHOULD RECYCLE

## RUMPKE ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING 5 CATEGORIES OF MATERIAL:

### PAPER & CARDBOARD



Cardboard should fit inside cart.

### METAL CANS



Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

### CARTONS



No egg or ice cream cartons. Remove caps and straws.

### PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color. Reattach lid.

It's important to recycle only the above mentioned material for two reason:

- **The accepted material can be processed in our recycling plant.** Other material that could potentially be recycled, is detrimental to our plant. For example, plastic bags. Plastic bags can be recycled, but not in our plant. Plastic bags get caught in our disc screens, causing damage to our equipment and halting operations.
- **Our acceptable items list is dictated by end users.** Rumpke is a processor, not an end user. End users are companies that make something out of the material that is recycled by you. Rumpke collects the material and condenses it into bales. If we do not have end users for a commodity, we cannot accept it because he have no home for it. We will always be honest about the material that we can and cannot recycle.

## HAZARDOUS ITEMS

It's important to stick to the acceptable items list when placing items in your recycling, but we especially ask that you do not place any hazardous material with your recycling. Here is a list of hazardous items that do not belong in your trash or recycling.

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Chemicals
- ✗ Needles
- ✗ Helium and propane tanks

To properly dispose of hazardous items, visit your local solid waste district and learn where you can safely and properly dispose of hazardous items.

## ITEMS THAT DO NOT BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING

These items are not necessarily hazardous, but they can cause awful problems in our recycling plants, damaging machines and stopping operations.

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Hoses and chains
- ✗ Clothes and sheets
- ✗ Car parts
- ✗ Pots and pans
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Cords, belts and dog leashes
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Hangers and wires

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How should I prepare my material?

Please rinse your plastic, glass and metal containers. Place them **LOOSE** (not bagged) in your curbside recycling container or in any dropbox.

### What should I do with the lids?

- **Glass containers** – remove the lid and place it separate from your bottles and jars. Bottle caps should be collected and placed in a metal can.
- **Cartons** – remove and discard all lids and straws from carton containers.
- **Plastic containers** – please fasten lids back on to bottles, jugs and tubs.

### Can I recycle foil and foil pans?

Only if they have never been used and are absolutely free and clear of food waste.

### Can I recycle ice cream tubs?

Plastic ice cream tubs are fine to recycle.

### Can I recycle egg cartons?

Cardboard egg cartons can be recycled, but plastic and Styrofoam egg cartons should **NOT** be recycled.



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